

If thou would'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

THE GREENBRIER COUNTRY.

By Andrew Price in "Recreation"

The Greenbrier river is the longest stream wholly within the State of West Virginia, being 170 miles long and draining a basin shaped somewhat like a funnel, the wider portion to the headwaters, a watershed remarkable for its width and extent.

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after it was formed. This was then the extreme western settlement of Augusta county, Virginia, and here was introduced red clover, which the Indians said was dyed by the blood of their race, a sentiment, given birth about the same time, over which we have no doubt and which is treasured in loving remembrance.

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Pocahontas county was formed in 1821. It was to be called Alleghany county, as being the highest county in the State, but the engraving clerk was careless and got the names mixed, and we got the name intended for what is now Alleghany county, Virginia.

From the first the county revenue was mainly expended in getting rid of the wolves which made stock raising precarious. The scalps were proved by the hunters but it was not until in the forties, when a Connecticut man came here to settle who introduced the new and effective poison known as strychnine, that the wolves were overcome.

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There is even yet much good hunting and fishing here; in Pocahontas county. There is no better country. It can be briefly described as a bluegrass country, very mountainous, with all the thousand streams flowing clear as crystal. The rock formation is principally limestone, which means a fine farming country where the women are all beautiful and the men all faithful.

Some persons who would like to come here to hunt and fish. This is an experience that every angler must have who writes in glowing terms to any of the periodicals devoted to outdoor life. To each and every one, we now write in polite letter as we can advising him not to come. No one has ever found the pot of gold that rests under the foot of every rainbow.

There was once a city man having never before been in the woods, who undertook to fish from the mouth of Dugway up Cranberry. His shoes played out his feet got sore, he caught a single trout, and the only night out was rainy and he all but wept in his misery.

The first man we induced to come here had almost as an experience. It was many years ago when we began to sing of aylvan joys. We did not then do our Pontiac Plate and wash our hands of the result, but encouraged him to come. He was a portly well set up gentleman from New York. He drove in from the nearest railway depot 48 miles away.

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the Greenbrier noticed the advent of the long, green fish, and some discussion followed as to whether they were good to eat. They would bite after the manner of the plebeian fishes. One of the patriarchs secured a patent minnow and set his pole and watched for hours without a strike.

Finally a lawyer came here to visit his birthplace and when he saw the new fish he pursued them in a most effective way: live bait and mowing line; a policy that made the bass believe that the bait was trying to escape.

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Will Guin of Hightown, while out at Bartow last week, was taken suddenly and violently sick and his trouble was found to be appendicitis. Preparations were hurriedly made, and in company with Dr. Arbogast and Mr. Dyer Gum, he took the down train for Hinton.

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Faith.

By FRANCES ANNE KENTRE.

Better trust all and be deceived, And weep that trust and that deceiving.

Than doubt one heart that if believed, Had bless'd one's life with true believing.

Oh, in this mocking world too fast The doubting fiend o'ertakes our youth;

Better be cheated to the last Than lose the blessed hope of truth.

Levying Enemies.

For years and years I have been reading books and hearing sermons, in exposition of what Christ meant when he said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, and pray for them that despitefully use you," and some other things in Matt., 5, 43-48.

But, when he speaks of the treatment due a trespassing brother, he commands the one injured to call the brother to account in a private interview, if this fails to settle the trouble call in two or three witnesses; if this fails to reconcile, then tell it to the church, and if the offender fails to hear the church, let the offending one be as a heathen man and a publican; that is to say have nothing more to do with him.

If an enemy smite the christian, turn the other cheek, if an enemy take away thy coat in a law suit, let him have the cloak also; if he forces a christian to go a mile, let the christian see him a mile better. Not so however with the fellow christian. If the fellow christian smites the cheek, the other christian's duty is to know what he did it for, and if not satisfactorily explained, the pugilistic brother is hereafter to be as a heathen man and a publican.

Somewhat recently it occurred to me, that it would be well to find out something as to the persons our Lord had in mind, at the time he gave his instructions for the guidance of his disciples. These disciples had to deal with Gentiles, and with their fellow christians. In reference to christians the remarkable fact is apparent, that these people did not regard each other as brothers, because they were members of the church, but they joined the church because they regarded each as brothers, while out of the church, hence their joining the church need not bring about any change of feeling towards those not members of the church and not reciprocating their feelings.

On the other, the Gentiles as such, recognized no special obligations except to their relations as fellow citizens, hence in the Gentile opinion, that where no tie of nature or treaty existed all other men were enemies; rival claimants of the earth's wealth, all interests were in conflict, therefore the natural state of things was that of hostility from the cradle to the grave. Hence it was injuries committed by Gentiles were essentially different from injuries committed by Christians. It would seem that they differed as much as homicide on an enemy in war differs from homicide committed in peace upon a fellow citizen. The heathen injured one, whom he believed to be his enemy by a law of existence, and one too ever ready to perpetrate a like injury upon himself; and so it was in a sense, an act of preventive self-defense.

An injury committed on a christian by a christian was a violation of a solemn covenant, or mutual agreement. Hence the profound wisdom our Lord manifested in New

teaching or commanding that the two classes of injuries should be dealt with in a way so very different.

The injurious Christian was a proper subject for resentment, but it was unreasonable to be angry with an injurious Gentile. Anger where it is justifiable, is the feeling aroused within us by wrong, by laws broken, and covenant's disregarded.

When Jesus taught this wonderful words and made the distinction in question, the Gentiles as such had broken no law, and disregarded no covenant, for they knew of none. The Gentile individual might be noxious, disagreeable, and mischievous, but in the strict sense of the word, he was not injurious. It might be the Christians duty to inform the Gentile of the obligation he neglected, but it would not be in proper form to be angry with him for neglecting it. Since the Gentiles loved their brethren only, it was quite reasonable that the Christians should take account of it in their dealings with Gentiles, and instead of denouncing them for a hardness which violated no principle, which they recognized as binding, they should endeavor to teach them better by forbearance and unexpected retaliations of kindness.

On the other hand it may be observed that were Christ's law regulating Christian behavior towards offending Christians, universally observed and practised in a Christian land; the occupation would be gone. If all professing Christians, and all inclined to be Christians would just let matters rest with first rebuking and in case of stubborn contumacy renounce the society of those who trespassed against them there would be no prosecutions, and consequently no trials.

Old-Time Work.

A day or two ago we were shown a handsome linen towel made 60 years ago by Mrs. Elizabeth Honaker, wife of F. S. Honaker, and mother of Mrs. J. Green in East Ronceverte. This towel was the work of Mrs. Honaker when she was a girl of 15 and lived at Rochelle, Madison county, Va. She pulled the flax, spread it, scutched it, heckled it, spun it and then wove it. The towel is a beautiful specimen of work such as is now rarely seen.

Awarded \$6,500 Damages. The case of Bowles vs. the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. Co., which is from Kanawha county and which was decided by the supreme court Tuesday of last week, awards Mrs. Bowles' damages amounting to \$6,500.

In the year 1904 Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bowles were walking to Lewis Crossing and when they reached the railroad tracks Mr. Bowles was struck and killed by a C. & O. train. The evidence showed that when killed he was on the track on the inside of the crossing. The train had given, or gave no signals of its approach. In the opinion of the court, it is negligence per se to back a train on a dark night over a public railroad crossing without warning by blowing a whistle or ringing a bell or placing a guard or light on the advancing reversed car. The company must adopt some means as will be equally efficient as the bell or whistle warning of an advancing unreversed train. The precaution must suit the circumstances and be adequate under the circumstances.—W. V. News.

The Universal Prayer.

By ALEXANDER POPE.

Father of all! in every age, In every clime, adored By saint, by savage, and by sage, Jehovah, Jove or Lord!

Thou Great First Cause, least understood, Who all my sense confined To know but this, that Thou art good, -And that myself am blind;

Yet gave me, in this dark estate, To see the good from ill; And binding Nature fast in Fate, Left free the human will.

Resolutions of Sympathy. The following resolutions were passed by the session and congregation of the Huntersville Presbyterian church. That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst our beloved Dr. S. P. Patterson an honored and efficient ruling elder in the Huntersville Presbyterian church, a christian gentleman, a man that made conscience of duty, a friend to all, a servant of the suffering, "An Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile."

Sheriff's Sale of Valuable Personal Property Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, entered December 3, 1906, in the consolidated causes of Windsor Trust Co. vs. W. R. Cole, W. A. Bratton, vs. W. R. Cole and O. P. Dorr vs. W. R. Cole, the undersigned sheriff of Pocahontas county will on Saturday March 2, 1907 at the plant of the National Cooperaage Company at Cloverlick, in said county, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, the following personal property, levied upon as the property of W. R. Cole. One locomotive 1 60 horse power boiler and engine. 1 25 horse power boiler 1 saw mill A lot of stave mill machinery 2 stave buckers Drum saws, a lot of furniture, and all of the personal property belonging to the said W. R. Cole forming the stave mill plant at Cloverlick. J. S. McNamara, Sheriff of Pocahontas county.

Notice is hereby given that the person who took a new Wilburn saddle from my stable last fall will return the same to the stable or take further action the matter. C. A. Yazzar

History of Webster County.

The Glade country—very early in pioneer times attracted the attention of the home seeker. In many places there were openings in the forest covered with native grasses which afforded excellent pasturage for stock. This land not being heavily timbered like the Elk, Gauley, Williams and Tully river valleys, could be more easily cleared. The oak forests supplied a bountiful crop of mast for fattening hogs. Game was more plentiful in this region than in any other locality except the vicinity of the Fork Lick. During the autumn and winter hundreds of deer could be found feeding on the oak mast. They would come from long distances to this feeding ground. Along the bluffs of the Gauley and the Williams, bears could be found in great numbers. The Indians as late as 1793 came here to hunt, and one of their principal trails through central West Virginia passed through this hunter's paradise. Game continued to be plentiful in this region until after the civil war, and in 1868 two hunters killed more than two hundred deer.

The majority of the early settlers came from the Greenbrier valley, following the Indian and buffalo trails across the mountains. The McClure, Dueffelds, Dillys, Prices and Greens were among the first to settle here. Later came David Hanna, John Woods, the Raders and Mertons. Descendants from many of these families are numbered among the most progressive citizens of this and Nicholas counties.

The first movement for a new county, formed from the counties of Nicholas, Randolph and Braxton, was made in 1858. It was forty to fifty miles from the county seats of three counties to Fork Lick, the proposed seat of justice of the new county. Christopher C. Hamrick, Henry C. Moore and others petitioned the Assembly of Virginia in 1858 asking for the formation of a new county within certain prescribed metes and bounds. This petition was not favorably acted upon until January 10, 1860, when an act was passed for its formation, and naming the new county in honor of Daniel Webster. This act located the seat of justice on land owned by Addison McLaughlin, and declared that it should be known as Addison. The name Fork Lick continued to be used until an act was passed by the legislature of West Virginia in 1873 declaring that the town thereafter should be known as Addison. This name was changed in 1903 to Webster Springs by an act of legislature. So a very euphonious name has been erased from the map of West Virginia by American commercialism, and a great injustice done to the memory of the public spirited man who gave the county its public square.

Joseph A. Alderson, father of Hon. John D. Alderson, of Nicholas county, was a member of the Assembly which created Webster, and to him more than to any one else belongs the credit for its formation. He was a great admirer of the famed orator and statesman of Massachusetts, and he gave his name to the new county. At the time of its formation there was not a very numerous population, but there was a stout and hardy set of men who had braved hardships and privations. They were for the most part the first and second generations born in the new territory settled by the old pioneers. The moccasins and the hunting shirt had been discarded by many, and they did not entirely rely upon the spinning wheel and loom for their clothing.

The civil war began soon after the county was surveyed, and it was not fully organized until after its close. It was at this time that Webster was called the "Independent State" an appellation which has often been said that Webster county had a full complement of state officers from governor to auditor of State. G. M. Sawyers was known as "governor" until his death, which occurred a few years ago. This is a very pretty story, but it had no foundation in truth. Between 1831 and 1853 will return the same to the stable or take further action the matter.